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## To Combat COVID-19, Doctors Get Free Access to Patient Medical Records

**LAS VEGAS** – HealtHIE Nevada, our only statewide health information exchange (HIE) provides real-time access to patient medical records safely and securely to doctors.

To save lives and reduce the spread of COVID-19, <u>HealtHIE Nevada</u> is now offering no-cost access to our HealtHIE Chart provider portal which contains comprehensive medical records on nearly every Nevadan. The HIE collects medical records from acute care hospitals, emergency departments, urgent care sites, skilled nursing facilities, doctor offices, laboratories, imaging centers, and other healthcare organizations across the state. HealtHIE Nevada's connections to the State Public Health Lab, Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health District, private labs, and the majority of diagnostic services provides COVID-19 and other test results.

In the case of COVID-19, the number of seriously ill patients the healthcare system can handle at the same time is determined by the efficiency of the healthcare system. Healthcare providers need rapid, reliable access to patient information. Failure to quickly find relevant patient information can lead to dangerous delays, costly rework, errors, and wasteful inefficiencies that a COVID-19 stressed healthcare system can ill afford.

"HealtHIE Nevada is designed for precisely this type of public health challenge. We implore the healthcare community to allow us to assist you and overcome this challenge together," said Michael Gagnon, HealtHIE Nevada executive director.

Licensed providers can sign up or learn more at <a href="https://healthienevada.org/">https://healthienevada.org/</a>

## **About HealtHIE Nevada**

HealtHIE Nevada is a private, nonprofit, community-based health information exchange (HIE) dedicated to connecting healthcare organizations by managing the real time, secure, and accurate exchange of clinical information. HealtHIE Nevada operates the only state-wide HIE available to the entire Nevada healthcare community. To learn more, visit <a href="www.healthienevada.org">www.healthienevada.org</a>, or follow HealtHIE Nevada on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter.

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